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Naoki SHINDO et al.

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For: SUBSTRATE PROCESSING APPARATUS  
AND SUBSTRATE PROCESSING METHOD

Examiner: Alexander Markoff

**RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION BEFORE THE FILING OF AN APPEAL BRIEF**

MS RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final office action dated November 24, 2009, and further in response to Advisory Action dated May 11, 2010. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to May 24, 2010.

Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.